BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Superior Water, Light and Power Company for Approval to Increase Retail Gas and Water Rates and Decrease Retail Electric Rates

5820-UR-107

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING AND INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS AND TELEPHONIC PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Prehearing Conference Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2000 – 9:30 a.m.

Conference Locations: Superior Water, Light and Power Office Building,

2915 Hill Avenue, Superior, WI

Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way,

Madison, WI

THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO consider the application of Superior Water, Light and Power Company, filed December 22, 1999, under Wis. Stat. §§ 196.03(1) and (3), 196.20(1), and 196.37(1), (2), and (3), for approval of its application to increase Retail Gas and Water Rates and decrease Retail Electric Rates. Copies of the application can be obtained by written request to Superior Water, Light and Power Company, P. O. Box 519, Superior, WI 54880.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will hold a telephonic prehearing conference on Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. This will be a telephonic prehearing conference conducted from two sites. The applicant will provide a room for customer participation in the general conference room in the Superior Water, Light and Power Office Building, 2915 Hill Avenue, Superior, Wisconsin. Customers may call the utility at (715) 395-6220 for further details on the location of the prehearing conference room. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Commission staff will participate from the second location, the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room and continuing at times to be set by the presiding Administrative Law Judge. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the Administrative Law Judge listed below.

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The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

The prehearing conference is being held to: (1) identify persons who will actively participate as full parties; (2) identify issues; (3) determine the date and time for a hearing; (4) specify dates for filing testimony and exhibits; and (5) any other matters that will facilitate the hearing.

Full parties will be bound by the designation of issues and the schedule adopted at the prehearing conference. Persons who consider themselves to be potential full parties should participate in the prehearing conference. Persons who desire to actively participate as full parties must request full party status in writing. Full party status requests should be addressed to Jeffry J. Patzke, Administrative Law Judge, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director at (608) 267-0912.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to Assistant General Counsel Michael E. Newmark at (608) 261-8523.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin,
By the Commission:
Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission
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